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| Interview Summary | Application No. 10/661,152 | Applicant(s) ENDO ET AL. | |
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Date of Interview: 12/21/07.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 3, and 4.


Identification of prior art discussed: Cooper et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Attorney Jae Song argues that Cooper does not teach determining the emotional state of the speaker based on the utterance parameters vectors generated from the utterance parameters and assigning a classification to each segment of the speech utterance. The examiner did not agree and stated that the claims rejection reads on the claims language. No agreement was reached.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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